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REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 6.

Applicant has replaced the originally filed Abstract with the attached substitute Abstract.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 as being anticipated by Cravatt. It is asserted that claim 1 as amended overcomes the cited reference.

Claim 1 recites an opening through the top of the dispenser through which rolls may be introduced into the dispenser with their axes parallel to the tube. Claim 1 also recites a lever member supported on a pivot disposed outside on an exterior of a side wall of the tube and pivotable by pressure applied to an upper end of the lever. On the other hand, Cravatt discloses an opening on the side of the dispenser accessed by a panel 32 opened by pulling on a knob. Cravatt also discloses a dispensing mechanism comprising a dispensing plate 34 disposed inside the tube-like member 12 and pivotally attached to an inner face of the body member 12. Further, the dispensing plate 34 is operated by pulling on a knob 38 attached by a rod or wire 42 to the lower end of the plate 34. Finally, Cravatt shows the rolls with their axes transverse to the axis of the tube-like member 12.

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The dispenser of Cravatt is configured to look like a set of drawers with the requisite knobs. This is in keeping with one of the objectives of Cravatt to provide aesthetic qualities to the surrounding environment. See col. 1, lines 23-25 and 34-36. Accordingly, Cravatt disposed the dispensing mechanism inside the body member 12 in order not to break the aesthetics of the false drawer fronts. The knob 38 is also meant to be pulled, as all drawer knobs are meant to be, when the drawer is closed.

In view of the above, it is asserted that claims 1-14 are patentable over the cited reference and the art of record and are asserted to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of rejection is respectfully requested and an early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

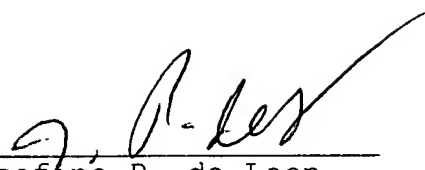
Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for three(3) months through April 6, 2005, in order to timely file this amendment. A check in the amount of \$510.00 is attached herewith for the extension fee.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2105 for any additional fees required to be paid in connection with this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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